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TAGS: OEXC, JA (KASHIZAKI, NORIO)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: MR. NORIO KASHIZAKI

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY PROMINENT NOVELIST A D LDP LOWER HOUSE MEMBER SHI TARO ISHIHARA ON BEHALF OF HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATE, NORIO KASHIZAKI, WHO IS DEPARTING FOR THE U.S. ON DECEMBER 24 TO GATHER MATERIALS FOR A BOOK ON THE 1871 IWAKURA MISSION TO THE U.S. HE IS THE AUTHOR OF SEVERAL BOOKS ON URBAN PROBLEMS AND A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE MAINICHI NEWSPAPER'S "ECONOMIST."

2. KASHIZAKI, BORN IN 1935, MARRIED. PRESENT ADDRESS: 1-14-16 MOTO-YOKOYAMA-CHO, HACHIOJI-SHI, TOKYO. GRADUATE OF HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY. ENGLISH NOT FLUENT BUT HE WILL PROVIDE OWN INTERPRETER.

3. EMBASSY WARNED KASHIZAKI THAT NEW YEARS SEASON IS VERY BUSY IN U.S., BUT AGREED TO SEEK DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS AND CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF AN INTRO COULD BE ARRANGED TO FUKUDA OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND TO APPROPRIATE PERSON IN NATIONAL ARCHIVES. HE IS AWARE THAT PROF. MARLENE MAYO OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND IS LEADING SCHOLAR ON IWAKURA MISSION AND EMBASSY WOULD

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APPRECIATE IT IF DEPT WOULD TELEPHONE HER (301-454-2843) AND INFORM HER OF KASHIZAKI'S IMPENDING VISIT. KASHIZAKI PLANS TO BE IN SAN FRANCISCO UNTIL ABOUT JANUARY 8 AND HE CAN BE CONTACTED THERE THROUGH MASAYASU UENO, C/O THE SUMITOMO BANK OF CALIFORNIA (415-445-8000). HE WILL

BE IN WASHINGTON FROM AROUND JANUARY 10 AND CAN BE REACHED
THROUGH MAINICHI WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF MITSUAKI NAKAO
(202-737-2817).

4. EMBASSY REALIZES DIFFICULTY OF ASSISTING KASHIZAKI AT
THIS TIME TF YEAR, BUT ANYTHING DEPT CAN DO IN WAY OF
INTRODUCTIONS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
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